

Dear SIC Members and Supporters:

This issue of *SIC Clips and Quips* (Volume 6, Issue 1) is sent to share information of special interest to our state's School Improvement Councils.

SC-SIC Member Network Reset for 2013-14 School Year – If you visit the SC-SIC Member Network today you will find that SIC membership information for every school is highlighted as needing to be updated, designating them as out of compliance. This is done every year on July 1 so each school can begin to enter its membership for the coming school year, so don't be alarmed to find that your SIC is currently marked as out of compliance! While the statutory deadline for reporting SIC membership information is not until **November 15th**, designated Member Network users may begin entering their SIC's information immediately if the SIC has conducted spring elections and have the information ready to go. **Account holders will have to update their log-in and password information for the new school year.** Directions for this are available **for school and district personnel only** on the SC-SIC Member Network site accessible through <http://sic.sc.gov> or by contacting SC-SIC Digital and Web Director Claudia Wolverton by email at wolverto@mailbox.sc.edu. Also, if your school is a new or re-organized school not listed in the SC-SIC Member Network, email Ms. Wolverton to assist you in getting your SIC established in the database.

Schedule SIC Trainings – The fall semester of each school year is typically the busiest SC-SIC training season, although trainings are conducted across the state throughout the year. Now is the time to think about scheduling trainings for your SIC members for 2013-14. Whether training is conducted by one of our certified SIC District Contacts or district-wide training provided by SC-SIC staff, such sessions are vital to new and more seasoned SIC members so that they can know more about their roles and responsibilities to their school communities. Schedule your training today as the training schedule can fill up quickly! For more on SIC training opportunities, visit the SC-SIC website at <http://sic.sc.gov> and click on the "Training and Resources" tab.

SC-Education Policy Fellowship Program is Accepting Applications! – Apply today for this intensive 10-month professional development program for established and emerging leaders in education and related fields designed to work toward the implementation of sound education policy and practice in South Carolina. Applications are being accepted **through July 15** for the 2013-14 academic year. SC-EPFP operates under the auspices of the national Education Policy Fellowship Program (<http://epfp.iel.org>) of the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington, DC, which oversees Fellowship programs in 12 states and the District of Columbia. In South Carolina the program is coordinated by the SC School Improvement Council, located in the University of South Carolina's College of Education, with the assistance of the SC Department of Education's Office of Leader Effectiveness. SC-EPFP meets monthly September through June (primarily in Columbia) for a full day of dialogues, interactive exercises, small group projects, book discussions, and more. An overnight Leadership Forum is scheduled in the Fall and a four-day Washington Policy Seminar hosted by the Institute for Educational Leadership is held in the nation's capital in April. Educators may qualify for recertification or certificate renewal credits, and graduate credits may also be available. For more on the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program, including additional program information, application materials and tuition costs, visit the SC-EPFP page online at <http://sic.sc.gov/sceducationpolicyfellowshipprogram/Pages/index.aspx>.

Remember, *SIC Clips & Quips* is sent to all SIC members and supporters who share their email addresses with us. Please feel free to print out and share this information with fellow SIC members who may not have received it. We are here to help you, so please contact us any time!

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